Dear Atticus,

I commend you on being the type of man that you are. You are an outstanding father and good citizen to your town Maycomb. Even though there are some horrible people that live in your town, you never let their ignorance rub of in you. You never hopped on the “I hate black people” bandwagon that everyone else was on. No matter what color their skin was you treated everyone equally. There were many instances when you did this like for example, when you still treated Ms. Dubose with respect and hospitality after she disrespected you and your children. It took much pride self-control to do the things you did. Another great example is when you defended Tom Robinson knowing that he was an innocent man. That was a very courageous thing for you to do while you were aware that everyone would probably hate you because of it. I know you might see defending Tom as just your job, but to me it was much more than that. It was like you were making a public stand against all the people of Maycomb and letting them know that you are an advocate for equal rights. That you don’t disrespect people based on the color of their skin and I truly commend you for that.

Your Fan,

Andre’

Dear Andre,

I’m proud to hear that you commend me for my actions and it is highly appreciated that you took the time to write me that nice letter. I take much time and devotion into taking care of my children and taking my job very seriously. Unfortunately I was one of the few people in my town that didn’t understand the ostracizing and didn’t know why some people were treated differently than others. I didn’t understand it and I simply didn’t condone it because I know that I wouldn’t like to be treated differently. In the instance of Ms. Dubose, I felt extremely sorry for her because even though Scout and Jem told me what she was saying, she was still dying. It’s not in my character to talk ignorant to anyone, but I would never do it to an old woman no matter what they say about me. I’m still to this day proud with the way that I handled the situation with Ms. Dubose. But as for Tom, I can clearly understand where you are coming from because you are an African American. I didn’t defend Tom because he was black, I defended him because no matter what color his skin was I knew that man was innocent. It was a shame that he had to have been killed the way that he was. But, I understand why he did it even though I truly wish that he hadn’t done it. You are right, I am an advocate for equal rights and I thank you once again for writing me your thoughtful letter.

Yours Truly,

Atticus Finch